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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Applicants hereby request a 1-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of October 1, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110 in payment of the government fee for a 1-month extension of time is enclosed herewith. Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the present application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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